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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment for entry in the
above-identified application prior to examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, before line 1, please insert:

a1 This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/258,240, filed on
February 26, 1999, pending. The entire disclosure of the aforementioned application is
incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-9.

Please add new Claims 10-18 as follows:

02 10. (New) A method for the treatment of an ocular disorder comprising
administering an octreotide to a patient, wherein said octreotide binds to at least one
somatostatin receptor in the eye, and wherein said ocular disorder is selected from the group
consisting of retinal edema, macular edema, age related macular degeneration and central
serous chorio-retinopathy.